



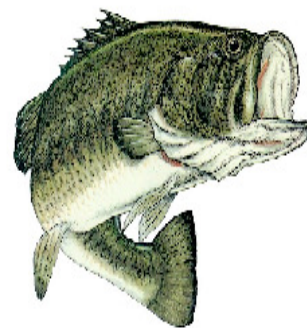
Largemouth Bass Consumption Advisory

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The fish tissue contaminant sampling was conducted in Kickapoo Nation on two ponds in October 2010. The predator fish, largemouth bass samples (six) were collected from the K-20 pond (between Goldfinch Rd and Hazelnut Rd; south of K-20) and another pond between Goldfinch Road and Fox-tail Rd (south of 130th St). The results from the EPA laboratory showed that all the organic chemical values were below the level of acceptable risk. But the mercury levels are **five** times more than the safe levels for human consumption (based on average adult consuming fish 16 ounce fish per week). The maximum al-

lowable largemouth bass meal from these two ponds by an adult weighing 200 pounds is 14.4 ounces per month. Mercury tends to accumulate in predatory fish to a greater extent than in bottom-feeding fish. Earlier fish tissue contaminant monitoring was conducted in the Delaware River in November 2009 on bottom feeder catfish and the values for both organic chemicals and Mercury were within the safe limit. Some fish contain higher levels of mercury that may harm an unborn baby or young child's developing nervous system. Therefore, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency (EPA) are advising women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children to avoid some types of fish like Shark, Swordfish, King Mackerel, or Tilefish that are high in mercury (<http://www.epa.gov/fishadvisories/advice/>). For further information, please contact Tej Attili (785) 486-2601 x:7 at the Kickapoo Environmental Office.



EPA Improves Clean-Air Permitting in Indian Country: Immediate Release U.S. EPA

The U.S. EPA finalized rules to ensure that Clean Air Act permitting requirements are applied consistently to facilities in Indian country to better protect the health of people living near them. Pollutants covered under these permits, such as sulfur dioxide and particles, can cause a num-

ber of serious health problems including aggravated asthma, increased emergency room visits, heart attacks and premature death. The new rules fill an important gap in the nation's air program that will foster economic development in Indian country in a way that protects the health

of tribes. The preconstruction air permitting program, also called New Source Review or NSR ensures air quality is maintained when industrial facilities are built or modified. For more information visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/nsr>

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Community!***

***Have a Safe Holiday! Fireworks
may be shot off June 25th through
July 10th on the Kickapoo
Reservation—Police Chief Gordon
Smith***

Paint Exchange Final Numbers

Earlier this month, The Kickapoo Environmental Office held their first ever paint exchange. The purpose of this program was to gather up people's old paint and to replace it with new paint that is more environmentally friendly and contains lower amounts of volatile organic compounds. By lowering the amount of VOCs people breathe in, we can make indoor air safer for everyone.

So what were the final numbers? The amount of paint, oils, stains, etc... turned in; came in at a total of 205 gallons. A gallon of paint covers about 400 square feet. That means we received enough paint to cover 82,000 square feet. For a comparison, a football field that includes both end zones is 58,000 square feet.

Many of the paints we received were older and contained chemicals or ingredients that could be harmful, both to children and our drinking water if they were disposed of improperly. While the exchange may be over, we will still take your older paints and chemicals. Bring them by our office and we will see that they are disposed of in the safest fashion for our environment. Contact Info: Mike Kelley, Air Quality Coordinator, (785) 486-2601 Ext. 6

Kickapoo Environmental Office Storage Area

By: Vernon Dempsey, Environmental Specialist

The Environmental Office has just added storage bays. The storage area is located behind the Environmental Office. There are three bays total, two small and one large. The bays are labeled with signs that indicate the type of material it is designated for.

One of the smaller bays will be used to hold metal material such as scrap metal and metal appliances. Any tribal member interested in taking the metal to the scrap yard for recycling is more than welcome to do so. This is based on a first come first serve basis.

The second smaller bay is cur-

rently not in use. The Environmental Office is considering using this bay to hold mulch for gardening or landscaping. This option requires more equipment that the Office does not have, but we are currently looking into acquiring these tools. As of now it is a work in progress.

The large bay has been designated for tires. Tribal members may drop off any tires that they may wish to dispose of. We ask that these tires be neatly stacked 5 to 6 tires high so we are able to maximize our use of space.

Tribal members are encouraged to drop off any of the stated ma-

terials. Be aware that these areas are for recycling purposes only.

Please do not drop off trash.

The storage areas are there to provide an organized on going service for the Kickapoo community.

